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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director, Plans

SUBJECT : Postponement of PBSUCCESS at request of Department of State

1. In accordance with your request I have searched the files and have come up with the following information:

- a. The minutes of the first HOLLAND briefing showed that the Assistant Secretary specifically requested that he be given an opportunity before an irrevocable decision was taken, to file a brief.
- b. On 10 April, a cable went to LINCOLN from DDP advising that a high level meeting was scheduled for the afternoon of 10 April with Mr. HOLLAND. The cable indicated that very basic policy issues would be discussed but that a final decision re the future of PBSUCCESS would probably not be reached.
- c. On 10 April, a cable was sent Operational Immediate to LINCOLN advising them that Black Flights into Honduras or Salvador would not be undertaken without specific cabled approval from the Director.
- d. On 19 April a cable was dispatched Priority to LINCOLN asking that all further action on Black Flights be withheld pending a high level meeting to take place at Headquarters on 20 April 1954.

2. The PBSUCCESS cable files between 19 March 1954, and 19 April 1954 contained no other cables making specific reference to postponement of the operation pending policy decision by Department of State.

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